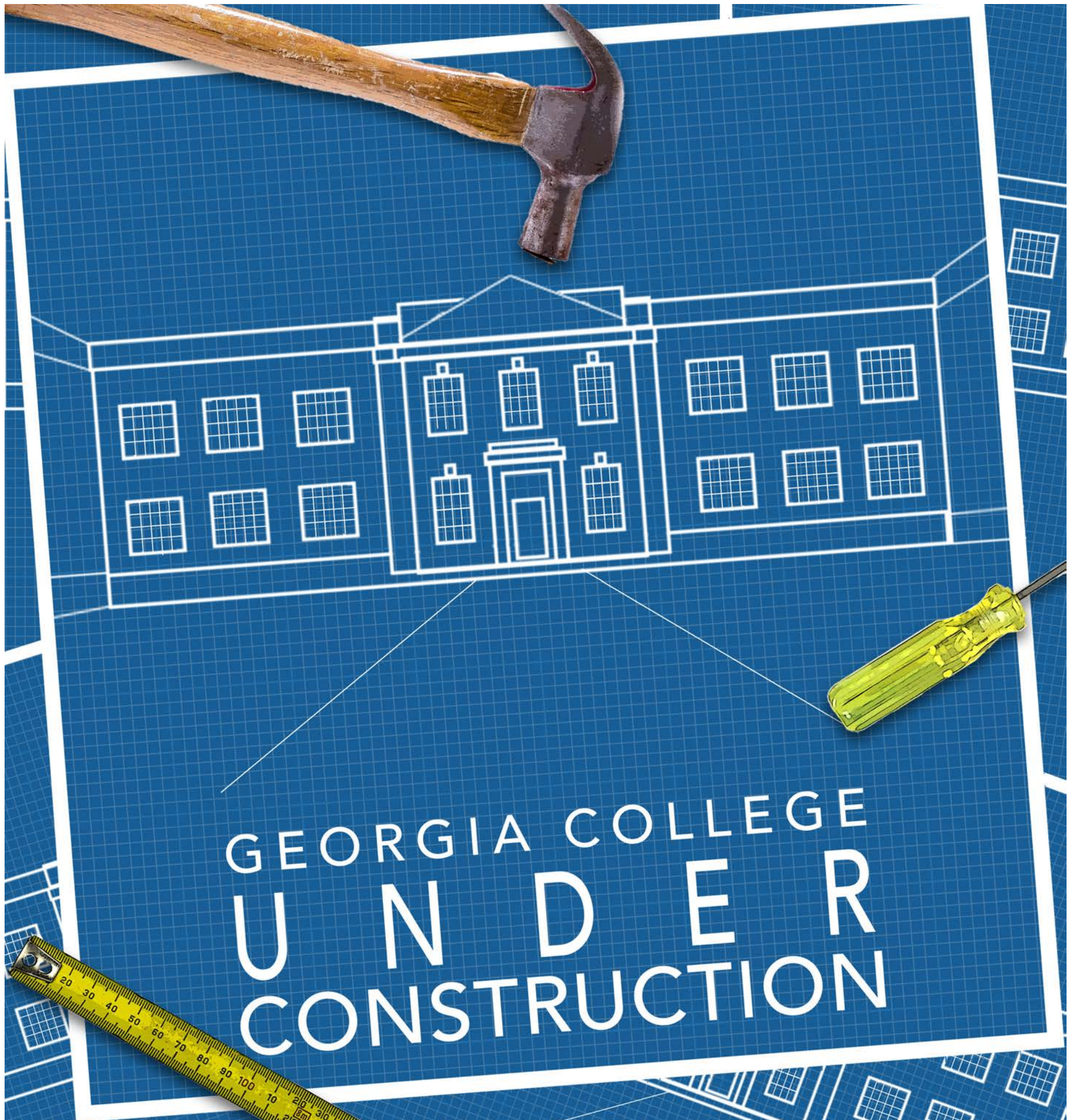


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Milledgeville. The Sports section highlights student athlete achievements as well as previews for the upcoming sports season. The A&E section has tips for the prime outdoor spots in Milledgeville, a Q&A with the cast members of *The Vision of Capek*, a profile on the Armed

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Renovations bring new life to old buildings at Georgia College

Renovations of Beeson Hall, MacIntosh House, and Mayfair Hall update campus facilities

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Georgia College (GC) has designated a total of \$17 million to the renovation of three campus buildings, seeking to provide needed office space for faculty and a campus welcome center, said Michael Rickenbaker, university architect and director of Facilities Planning.

“We have \$3.9 million renovations at Mayfair and MacIntosh,” Rickenbaker said. “(Beeson Hall) is a huge project. The total is \$13.1 million and that’s everything.”

The renovations taking place in Mayfair Hall will create a visitors’ center and accommodate for the transferal of the departments of enrollment management and admissions, said Suzanne Pittman, associate

vice president of Enrollment Management.

“We really needed a visitors’ center, because when families come to campus to visit Georgia College now, there’s really not a central location for them to go to get information,” Pittman said.

The construction for the visitors’ center is set to be completed in December and move in is scheduled for January, said Pittman. The building will feature touch screen displays around the lobby for visitors to use to gain information about GC and the programs offered. Pittman said the new facility will also contain a large presentation room, an elevator and an area for visitor parking.

Beeson Hall and MacIntosh House are also being renovated to create office space for GC faculty.

“Part of this (project) was to move everyone out of

Terrell, so we could renovate it,” Rickenbaker said. “Most of the academic departments in Terrell will be moved into Beeson.”

Several of the departments moving into Beeson will only remain until the completion of the renovation of Terrell Hall, which begins once current projects are finished. However, the smaller departments from Terrell Hall that move into MacIntosh House will remain there permanently, said Rickenbaker.

Rickenbaker said the construction of Beeson Hall is estimated to be completed in the summer of 2017. Rick Ruark, associate director for Planning Construction & Business Services, said MacIntosh House’s estimated construction completion date is in December, allowing offices to move in the following March.



Ada Montgomery/ Senior Photographer

Mayfair Hall will house GC’s new welcome center.



Ada Montgomery/ Senior Photographer

Boundaries around the construction at Beeson Hall include an illustration of the finished product.

Jimmie John's, Smoothie King scheduled to open downtown

Excitement builds as new restaurants prepare for grand openings in September and October

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Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches and Smoothie King are scheduled to make their debut in downtown Milledgeville within the next two months.

Jimmy John's will be located at 100 S. Wilkinson St., directly behind

Barberito's. The popular sandwich establishment is on schedule to open Sept. 27.

The owner, Donna Patterson, said she felt that Milledgeville was a fantastic place to locate a Jimmy John's because of the position in relation to the Georgia College (GC) campus. Jimmy John's offers fresh, healthy foods

and non-carb alternatives. “Everything is fresh and freaky fast. We bake our own bread and offer healthy non-carb options like the Unwich (which is a lettuce wrap),” Patterson said.

Jimmy John's does over 60 percent of its business in delivery and catering.

“As someone who works long shifts I’m excited to have an establishment so

close where I can get fast, fresh food before a shift, or even get it delivered to my house,” said Stevie Seay, GC student and Buffington's bartender. Jimmy John's is bound to turn into the go-to lunch destination for many busy, hungry students.

Additionally, Smoothie King is scheduled to open at the end of October. The

popular smoothie joint will be located at 119 N. Wayne St., on the downtown side-street across from Metropolis. Joey Brumbelow, owner of the new establishment, bought into the franchise because he loved the atmosphere and community Milledgeville's little downtown scene has to offer.

“When you see an item

on our menu, that drink was specially researched for over 12 months, so we can serve the healthiest and best tasting drinks around,” Brumbelow said. Smoothie King's product developers have also spent time creating vegan alternatives, veggie blends and will now be serving wheatgrass juice.

Baldwin County Animal Control: Overcrowded and underfunded

Insufficient supplies and lack of funding present problems for local animal control department

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Located down a two-lane road off North Jefferson Street, a small blue building serves as a home for Milledgeville strays. Forced by overcrowding and limited funding, the Baldwin County animal shelter has two choices: find them a home, or put them to sleep.

“Our biggest issue is that the county does very little to help us out,” said Rebecca Lanier-Weeks, shelter administrator. “They only provide us with the bare minimum.”

Weeks said that the county provides the shelter with basic dog and cat food, some cleaning supplies and disinfectant to sterilize the cages. The shelter must rely on donations for other supplies such as newspaper, puppy and kitten food, blankets and vet bills.

“I am currently paying for the software that our computer system uses in order to log in the animals that come into the shelter, because the county will not even provide us funding for that,” Weeks said.

The shelter is run mainly by Rebecca, with the help of two officers on the road,

but college students also volunteer their time to help out at the shelter as well.

“We do get help from the local college students and we try and place animals in fosters as much as possible, but there are more animals needing places to go and less places to actually send them,” said Weeks.

Ori Adar, a current GC student, heard about the issues of overcrowding at the shelter and has taken the initiative to become a volunteer.

“Whether it’s walking the dogs, or just giving them some attention, I am glad to be helping out in some way,” Adar said. “I think it is important that more people become aware of the problem and decide to donate, or help out.”

Mallory Howard is another current GC student who helps the shelter find rescues and fosters for incoming animals.

“The county does little

to offer help with vetting and rescue pledges per animal, and with no spay and neuter laws in place the shelter can’t keep up with the number of intakes they receive,” Howard said. Weeks agrees.

“It boils down to the fact that there is a lack of caring and communication between us, and the people downtown. We currently are so overcrowded, because our building only has 17 kennels and there is no funding coming in to help us expand,” said Weeks. “For example, we took in over 100 cats this month, but we only have ten cat kennels in our cat room.”

With overcrowding becoming so significant, the shelter has no choice but to put the animals to sleep.

“We try not to put an animal down unless they’re sick, or aggressive,” Weeks said. “But unfortunately, if we become overcrowded,



Tori Gleeson/ Staff Photographer
This BCAC shelter resident watches the world go by.

we are forced to start as well as more funding for putting owner surrenders expansion. “For us to get what we need here, it will not only take the public, but it will also take animal lovers in positions downtown to help fight for more funding,” Weeks said.

Weeks knows what it will take to bring awareness to the situation,



Tori Gleeson/ Staff Photographer
A puppy at the Baldwin County Animal Shelter waits for his forever home.



Tori Gleeson/ Staff Photographer
Ms. Mo soaks up the sun while on a walk.

Rail Against the Danger fights to protect students in lofted beds

College campuses provide railings in response to high injury rate resulting from lofted beds without rails

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Lofted beds are the standard in college dorms due to limited space, however few people think about the risk of slumbering six feet off the ground. The Georgia based non-profit Rail Against the Danger (RAD) is making it their goal to draw attention to the dangers of ill-equipped lofts on college campuses.

The Center for Injury Research and Policy of the Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital estimates that

there are over 36,000 bunk bed related incidents annually. Wielding this statistic, RAD is working with the University System of Georgia (USG) to make sleeping safer.

Driven by RAD’s message, GC has now implemented a safety rail policy for student housing. Dorm dwellers will not be required to attach the apparatus to their beds, however it is mandatory that the rails be present in each room.

“I think a lot of kids would use them. I am a big fan of them,” said

Tanner Karneboge, a freshman of GC. Karneboge also said he has been saved a time or two by his rail already, a luxury that Clark Jacobs, the Vice President of RAD, was never afforded. As a sophomore at Georgia Tech in 2014, Jacobs fell from a lofted bed with no railing and fractured his skull. He endured two brain surgeries and a stroke as a result. The absence of a rail robbed Jacobs of over a year

of his life as he completed intensive therapy. RAD is a direct outcome of Jacobs’s struggle and the organization has big goals. Their mission, said President Mariellen Jacobs is, “that every student has

quick, free access to safety rails and always has the option to have a bed that is not elevated. Second, to change the language and the integrity of the housing materials to reflect the dangers of sleeping in a top bunk, or loft without rails.” The organization has already seen success and not just at GC.

each school, but there is an educational facet present as well. These individual campus efforts are comprised primarily of flyers, videos and campus visits. Much of the effort is also comprised of social media campaigning, according to Sandra Neuse, a USG representative.

Due to the actions of RAD, there is an effort to educate and provide rails to students on all Georgia public campuses. Much of the work is done through the housing directors at

RAD hopes to see safety rails eventually become mandatory and plans to continue to spread its message of safe sleeping to more states, and thousands of more students.



Photo Courtesy of GC Housing

RAD distributes merchandise with its message at each campus visit.



Photo Courtesy of GC Housing

GC students participate in a Q&A with RAD Vice President Clark Jacobs.

Meet the 2016-2017 GC Student Government Association

The SGA executive board is preparing for the year ahead

JD Davern @gcsunade	keep campus technology up-to-date.	ballpark.”	to finance students going abroad and studying in foreign countries. Like president Ahrens, Faber wants students to be more comfortable with SGA and admires the students who step up to fix what they see as a problem on campus. He also wants students to recognize SGA as the group of students that it is.	law major. His position involves organization on both the small and large scale.	Thunder.
	“I joke that everyone’s like, nothing’s changed with parking, obviously SGA isn’t doing their job,” said Ahrens.	Davis said his current goal this semester is to keep up the importance of diversity on campus and to keep the current SGA team focused on building up from what is here now.	Davis’ favorite thing about SGA is meeting people who are as involved in campus as he is.	“As small as SGA hosts trivia and we need a new microphone before next Monday, or as large as working with student groups across campus,” said Morgan.	“The best part about SGA is getting to hang around all the students,” Morgan said. “I’m a very talkative person. I like talking to people.”
It’s only week three of the 2016-2017 school year, and the GC Student Government Association (SGA) officers are already hard at work on campus.	Ahrens urges students not to be so afraid of SGA and to voice their opinions to help the officers as much as themselves.	Treasurer Charles Faber handles the budget for SGA, which covers officer reimbursement and campus events, and has a hand in almost any decision SGA makes.	“We’re here for the same reasons,...to get the best education, we’re all here for Georgia College.” Chief of Staff Morgan is using his position in SGA to advance his pre-	Morgan and the other officers are mostly focused on the September election event. His primary duties there are to organize coverage with the student media outlets. He also manages the school mascot,	Last but not least is Dr. Thomas Miles, who fields students to the different offices of SGA. He speaks high praise of the officers. “We call them the voice of the students,” Miles said.
These are the people behind the SGA.	“All of our meetings are open to students, we have so many different types of students, majors, backgrounds...anything they need from us.”	SGA, which covers officer reimbursement and campus events, and has a hand in almost any decision SGA makes.	SGA to advance his pre-	SGA meets every Friday at 2 PM in the SGA offices, Magnolia Ballroom 104.	
They are: President Laura Ahrens, Vice President Terrell Davis, Treasurer Charlie Faber and Chief of Staff Charles Morgan.	Vice President Davis mainly fields the questions that come to SGA for president Ahrens. Davis’ SGA routine is simple.	“Everything in SGA is on a reimbursement basis, SGA doesn’t pay for anything directly... they’ll have to pay for it themselves and then bring me a receipt, my interaction with them is anything financial.”			
President Laura Ahrens is the face of SGA and the go-to for everything students need to know.	“Monday through Thursday I ensure that the senators have everything they need to carry out their goals...on Friday, that’s when I really become a major player...everything kind of falls into my	His current goal is to get more attention on the student travel fund, used			
“As the president of SGA, I primarily oversee all the branches of student government...I’m thought of to be the main liaison between students and staff and faculty,” said Ahrens.					
Ahrens is working this semester to improve many different campus services, parking included, and to					



Courtesy of GC Communications
SGA tables at the Bobcat Marketplace during Welcome Week.

Too Drunk to Care

Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department On Aug. 24 Officer Woodall was dispatched to a GC dorm where he met a female student who witnessed a male student urinating on the sidewalk. The male student told the officer he had spent the night at a downtown restaurant drinking with fraternity friends. The student explained he feared his drink had been spiked as he felt ill to his stomach though he had not vomited. The EMS arrived on the scene, and the student was taken to the hospital where drug test results were negative. This case has been referred to Student Judicial for review.



Liquor Lawbreakers

Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department A GC dorm resident received a knock on his door by his CA on Aug. 23. The CA initially sought to request that the music be turned down. Once the student opened the door, red solo cups were seen on a table. The CA asked the resident if alcohol was present in the room. When the resident denied that there was, the CA asked to see inside the mini-fridge. The student then admitted to having two bottles of alcohol inside. The CA required that he pour the contents down the drain and trash the bottle. When the student asked if he was going to get in trouble, he was informed that the incident would be referred to the housing judicial for the liquor violation.

Lost Lover

Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department On Aug. 24, a GC female employee reported that she was continuously being contacted by a male acquaintance. She developed a relationship with the man, who is not associated with the college, during a period of time in which her marriage was struggling. Once her marriage was reconciled, she sought to end the friendship. However, the man still sought to contact her through her office. The employee requested that the GC Police Patrol Division increase foot patrol around her office building. Due to the limited description she provided of the man, they are unsure how much help they can offer. No further action is being taken at this time.

Undressed and Unruly

Obtained from Milledgeville Police Department Two employees of a local downtown restaurant reported a drunk woman undressing behind their workplace. Upon arrival on Aug. 24, Officer Brinkley and Woodall found the undressed woman passed out on the ground. While waiting for the arrival of the EMS, Officer Brinkley was able to wake the woman and dress her. When the EMS offered assistance, the woman became aggravated and uncontrollable. After denying aid from the EMS, the officers presented her with two options: go to the hospital or go to jail. She chose the latter. Officer Brinkley placed her in his cop car and took her to jail, where she was booked and detained. No further action has been taken.

GC set to host PBC Championships

Volleyball, softball and men's and women's cross-country championships to be played at GC.

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Bobcat Athletics is set to host the 2016 Peach Belt Championships for men's and women's cross country, volleyball and softball teams.

The three sports combined will bring 38 different teams to Georgia College in November to compete in this year's tournament.

This year will be the third year in a row that GC hosts the softball championships, the second year hosting cross-country and the first year hosting the volleyball championships.

The last cross-country tournament hosted at GC was at West Campus in 2007. West Campus, a smaller venue for cross-country, is not ideal for



Courtesy of GC Athletics

runners or spectators. Thanks to Milledgeville resident Mr. Wade Council, the cross-country teams have had the opportunity to practice and hold meets at the Council's farm for the past few years.

"We are blessed to have

people who are willing to share their land with our athletes," said Cary.

The change from hosting meets at West Campus to the Council's farm has resulted in more teams signing up for meets at GC and has assisted in

the process of hosting the championships this year. There has also been an increase in spectators coming to the events since the venue change because the fans are able to see more of the runners throughout the entire race.

The school is working on getting a shuttle to the Council family's farm, located off of McCranie Rd., for the students and other fans who wish to attend the meets and PBC.

"Hosting the championships is an

accomplishment in itself because it gives us the opportunity to showcase our campus, local hotels and restaurants around Milledgeville," said Weston. "During the few days of the PBC, the local businesses are booming, and we are happy to support the people and companies who support us."

Hosting the tournament also creates unity between the coaches, teams and athletic departments because they all work together to make sure the event is running smoothly, such as cross-country coach Steven Cary and softball coach Patrick Garrett teaming up to run the concession stand at the other PBC tournaments.

"It's fun to showcase the school and show off Georgia College hospitality," said Cary.

Soccer kicks off season at home against Mount Olive

The Bobcats will open their season against the Mount Olive Trojans on Friday at Bobcat Field.

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The women's soccer team kicks off their season with a home game this Friday, Sept. 2 at 7:00 p.m. against Mount Olive.

The team has 20 returning players, which will help retain chemistry built last year. Two of the returners include seniors Sol Baldassini and Allyease Schwartz. Baldassini, a middle back and an Argentinian Women's National player, is looking to finish off her collegiate



Courtesy of GC Athletics
Allyease Schwartz looks to pass up field to her mid-fielders

soccer career strong. Schwartz, a defensive outside back, is a 3-year starter and made 2nd team all-conference last year.

"We have an amazing group of student athletes that work hard both on and off the field and we'd love everyone's support

out there at the games, that's certainly a huge advantage," said Coach Hope Clark. "Every person in the stands supporting our women goes a long way and we would really appreciate it."

Last year, the team went 10-8-2, with their best performance being a 6-0 shutout against Georgia Southwestern.

This year, Clark hopes to have a double-digit win season and a top-three finish in the Peach Belt Conference, while securing a trip to the national

tournament.

"Most importantly we want to see improvement and growth each year as well as consistency," said Clark.

The team has worked hard to prepare for this season, relying on self-discipline to maintain their form.

"You're always looking to work hard in the off season so you can come in prepared to be the best player for the program. I'm hoping for a successful year, not only for me but for the team," said Schwartz.



Courtesy of GC Athletics
Senior Sol Baldassini dribbles up field, leading the Bobcat attack.

Men's golf tees off for 2016

The men's golf team, mixing experience and youth, prepares for a national championship run.

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The 2016 men's golf team is preparing for a national championship run this season. After several seasons of falling short, head golf coach Patrick Garrett feels that this year's team has the potential to achieve this goal.

With the addition of three new freshmen, Coach Garrett has hope that their talent will make up for what they lack in experience at the collegiate level. There to help them adjust to the college level of golf are seniors Harrison Stewart and Harry Lambert, both of whom are excited for a new start and take pride in the chemistry and bond the team already shares.

Stewart said that a well-balanced and close-knit team has formed, with three promising freshmen, four



Courtesy of GC Athletics

Harrison Stewart watches the ball after putting it towards the hole.

experienced seniors and a roles.

group of sophomores and juniors who know their

Coach Garrett thinks that staying focused will be the

team's biggest challenge.

"It's a long, long year we play," Garrett said. "Four events in the fall, five events in the spring, and then postseason starts up. So that's a long time to be giving it one hundred percent. It's easy to kind of lose focus and slack here and there, but that's mostly my job to keep the guys focused and on track."

Since golf season has not officially begun, the team has had limited practice time as a unit.

"I'm hoping they're all practicing," said Garrett. "We've got a good group of kids, eager to get to work. They're working on what they need to work on whether it's ball striking or putting and short game."

The team's first chance to compete will be Sept. 11, 2016 when they compete in the Kiowa Island Invitational at



Courtesy of GC Athletics

Harry Lambert focuses on his form as he prepares for the season.

the University of South Carolina.

"I'm excited to see if these seniors can kick it into high gear for their last year and I'm equally as

excited to see how the new

kids take to the competition

and how they hold up,"

Garrett said.

Forty GC athletes earn PBC Academic Achievement Award

Softball and volleyball teams lead Georgia College athletics in balancing sports and academics.

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40 Georgia College student-athletes won the Peach Belt Conference's Academic Achievement Award for this past year. Recipients had to maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher during the school year, complete four semesters of college and compete as a student athlete for at least one year.

The teams with the highest number of

recipients at Georgia College were the softball and volleyball teams with seven student-athletes, followed by women's cross-country and women's soccer. Georgia College finished third in the Peach Belt Conference behind Columbus State University (43) and the University of Montevallo (61).

"It's awesome to see all of this hard work pay off. We would've never gotten this award freshman year," said volleyball player

Danyelle Drummond.

Between cohorts, tests, morning workouts and games, college can become a balancing act for student-athletes.

"A lot of it has to do with time management and putting in 100 percent in my school work," said Drummond.

As for team motivation, sophomore infielder Baylee Hall said the team has bible study to help them keep sane, as well as constant encouragement from

teammates.

GC athletic director Wendell Staton said that just like the regular students, the student-athletes are coming here because they value the academic experience.

Georgia College had roughly 77 percent of student athletes finishing above a 3.0 GPA last year.

"The department as a whole is very studious and they all strive to do as well as they can in the classroom," said softball coach Jamie Grodecki.



Courtesy of the Peach Belt Conference

GC volleyball hosts fundraiser for Make-A-Wish

Bobcat volleyball reached out to the GC community to host its first ever grass volleyball tournament



Photo courtesy of Monica Klinkmueller
Bobcat volleyball hosted an event last Saturday to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises funds to help children with life-threatening medical conditions.

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Last Saturday, the GC volleyball team hosted their first co-ed grass volleyball tournament to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Interest in volleyball has been growing rapidly across campus, with 22 co-ed beach volleyball intramural teams signed up for this semester. The volleyball team decided to tap into some of the enthusiasm by supporting their philanthropy.

“We know how much

people on campus love to play intramural volleyball, whether it be sand or just a pickup game in the gym, but not many people play grass volleyball,” said senior right-side hitter Caroline Long. “We thought it would be a great way to get the students involved and for everyone to have some fun for a great cause.”

15 teams competed in the tournament, consisting of three to four players each, and all Georgia College volleyball players were required to participate. The tournament started off with pool play before

moving into classic bracket style play, with four courts competing simultaneously and a variety of students participating.

“It was really fun. I was excited that they had a grass tournament, and it’s really great that it’s all for such a good cause,” junior participant Abbi Schelkopf said. “I would definitely do it again next year.”

Assistant coach Stephen Brown hopes to have more events like this in the future to help get students more involved the community and to hopefully increase student attendance at

Georgia College volleyball games.

“I think it’s pretty crucial for teams to get involved in the community,” Brown said. “We’ve already seen the impact the Make-A-Wish Foundation can have, so it’s pretty neat to be able to do something like this.”

Senior defensive specialist Lindsay Holmes said that community service is a huge part of the team’s goal for this year. The team is focusing on how they can impact not just Georgia College, but Milledgeville as a whole.

“It’s a super awesome



Photo courtesy of Monica Klinkmueller

15 teams competed in GC’s first volleyball fundraiser.

way to get the community engaged, as well bringing awareness to our volleyball schedule and to Georgia College,” said Holmes. “Almost everyone has been affected by cancer, or by some sort of hard times, and that hits home with a lot of people, so knowing that this event supports Make-A-Wish is awesome.”

The team plays their season opener at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7, against Emmanuel in the Centennial Center.

King makes climb to world competition in Paris

GC sophomore, Connor King, is set to compete in the International Paraclimbing Championship

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Walters
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GC sophomore Connor King will represent the U.S. in the International Federation of Sport Climbing Paraclimbing Championships in Paris, France, from Sept. 12 through Sept. 16.

King has Cerebral Palsy, a neurological disorder defined by the Center of Disease Control and Prevention as a disorder that affects a person's ability to move and maintain balance. He has not let the disorder slow him down.

"I've been climbing ever since I was five or six years old, because my parents both got into climbing when I was very young," said King.

King has been climbing competitively since age 16, and has placed third or better in the past three

Adaptive Nationals. At the last Adaptive World Championship in 2014, King placed fifth in his division.

Stone Summit Climbing and Fitness Center in Kennesaw, Georgia. He is one of only three males in the neurological division to

believe sometimes that I'm doing this, but I'm going to go and enjoy it," said King.

King loves the independence that climbing provides, and enjoys relying on himself during the climb. Although it is an independent sport, King has made many friends through climbing.

"The climbing community is huge. So once you get involved in climbing and meet people, they're real community based," King said.

When at Georgia College, King has found a way to keep his climbing skills sharp – the climbing wall at the Wellness and Recreation Center. Students can purchase a pass for the wall for \$20 a semester or \$35 for the year. It is open Sunday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Connor King
King poses after placing second at the Adaptive Nationals in July.

He qualified for this year's world event after finishing second in the Adaptive National Championship, held at

be representing the U.S. in Paris.

"It feels amazing [to represent the U.S.], very humbling. I still cannot



Photo courtesy of Connor King
King climbs at the Adaptive National Championship in Kennesaw, Ga.

UP NEXT.....

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

Bobcat Cross Country
at Armstong Dual Meet
Men: 6 p.m.
Women 6:30 p.m.

Bobcat Women's Volleyball
vs. P.R. - Mayaguez
12 p.m.

at Florida Tech
6 p.m.

Bobcat Women's Soccer
vs. Mount Olive
7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

Bobcat Women's Volleyball
vs. Wilmington
at Melbourne, FL
11 a.m.

The Colonnade goes granola

A definitive guide to Milly's best outdoor spots

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Milledgeville has many beautiful nature spots, such as Bartram, the Greenway and Lake Sinclair, to get a person off the couch and into the outdoors without a second thought.

One popular place is Bartram State Forest right off of Highway 441. Bartram offers three

different trails for hikers, bicyclists and runners.

"You can head to Bartram forest to Eno by a small pond, or walk throughout the woods. Beware of alligators if you take your dog," said Anna-Marie Thompson, junior Spanish major. She enjoys going there with her dog, Millie, as often as she can. Sophomore Outdoor Education major Calvin Crisler agrees the area is great for walking and picnics.

If anyone is interested in staying closer to downtown, front campus and the Greenway are good spots for those looking for closer-to-home adventures.

"Front campus and the Greenway are good Eno and slack line spots, but be aware you need extra long straps for most trees on front campus," said Thompson.

Front campus is a great place to relax in between classes on a nice, sunny day without having to make a drive anywhere.

The Greenway is right by downtown and has paths for walking dogs along the river and trees for enoing. Both places are great for a low-key afternoon relaxing and enjoying nature.

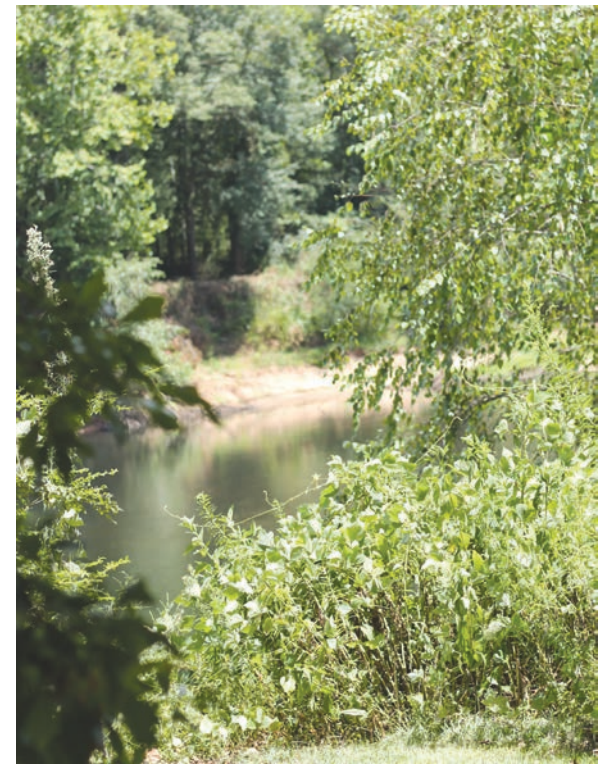
If interested in more adventurous activities and would like a challenge, Selma Irwin Nature Trail might be the ticket. Located in Hardwick, this fast-paced uphill and fast-flowing downhill hiking and biking trail is 4.5 miles of intensity.

For another more leisurely outing, Lockerly Arboretum is a public garden definitely worth seeing for people interested in aesthetically pleasing landscape.

For an afternoon on the water, Lake Sinclair has several spots to spend the day either kayaking, hanging in an eno or having a picnic.

Dr. Will Hobbs, Outdoor Education professor, has some off the beaten path spots to share. For water, the river is the easiest to access for students.

Putting in at the Greenway and floating



Mary Kate Conner/ Staff photographer

The Greenway is one of many great nature spots around Milledgeville.

to the state boat ramp off Vinson Highway can take between 2 to 3 hours depending on water levels. Watch for rope swings along the way to stop at. If the water level is right, a person can float from the dam at Lake Sinclair.

Dr. Hobbs gave some great advice for people who do not necessarily frequent the outdoors, but are interested. "Well, the best place to start is simply to go outside."



Mary Kate Conner/ Staff photographer

Students enjoy relaxing in enos at the Greenway, just minutes from GC's campus.

Doyle Brothers rock The Depot

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Last Wednesday night, GC's Campus Activities Board hosted The Doyle Brothers. Todd Doyle and Ryan Jacob Doyle, are a duo that has been touring for almost seven years, channeling the fun, groovy vibe that they began creating in high school. Originally from Buffalo, New York, the brothers are rooted in a relationship with their musically inclined family of four. Their father, a music instructor

previously involved in a '70s folk group, was their inspiration to influence others through their music. He pushed them to perform with more classical instruments such as the piano, but Todd Doyle chose to march to beat of his own drum, literally and figuratively. With brother Ryan on the guitar, they use their talents to create what they refer to as a pocket-oriented mixture of Imagine Dragons meets Bruno Mars to create a very organic, alternative reggae set, although they feel as

if they are in a transition period as far as their sound goes. "Everything we've been writing [recently] has sort of been channeling this

groovy reggae thing that we've been doing since high school," Doyle said. They have been pursuing their passion for this style



Photo courtesy of GC CAB

The Doyle Brothers' concert kicked off CAB's fall semester events.

since they moved back to New York. They did not stay there for long, as they soon teamed up with a quartet and began traveling throughout the southeast. They are currently in the midst of their longest tour yet. They began by traveling through Texas for 10 days. Since then, they have toured the South for the rest of the summer, focusing on college campuses. The brothers responded to criticism about being too young with their most recent cover album, "Two Bros, One Box," that made

their music appealing to all age groups. Throughout the process of creating their newest EP, they have been experimenting with new styles and ways of producing music while on the road. Their first full-length record is largely self-produced because everything is so 'DIY' these days," said Doyle. "You just kind of post it wherever it can be posted." That being said, if you want a sneak peek, you can find their newest single "Moonshine" on Spotify and YouTube.

Czech it out

Students of Georgia College take the original play, The Vision of Capek, abroad

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This summer, the Georgia College Department of Theatre went on a trip abroad to Prague, Hradec Kralove, Kuks, and Kutna Hora in the Czech Republic to perform *The Vision of Capek*, an original play written by GC's own Karen Berman and her husband, Paul Acetturra. Connor Cocks and Mary Helen Higgs were two of the 14 students who went on the trip. *The Colonnade's* Mary Kate Conner sat down with the two castmates to discuss their experience.

Colonnade: Give me a little background on the show itself.

Cocks: The show itself is about the life of the famous Czech writer, Karel Capek, and kind of where he comes from family-wise, how he grew up, and then leading into World War II when he fought against the Nazis through the use of his writings and his plays.

Higgs: Karen [Berman] wrote the play with her husband Paul in order to kind of make Americans reflect on the upcoming election and how important the leaders are that we choose... and Karel Capek was very ahead of his time and saw problems coming before they even began to be problems. She was hoping that by writing and performing the show she could really help citizens look at the two candidates that are there and say,

'alright look at what their issues are and what they stand for,' and really just pick apart our election. Even while we were over there, people who would find out we were American would always ask us who we were voting for, because people over there are more interested in our election than we are.

Colonnade: I know this was an original piece by GC's own Karen Berman and her husband, Paul Acetturra. Did it make a difference being able to work with the writers themselves?

Higgs: It was really helpful having Paul there with us because he acted as a dramaturge, but he took his dramaturgy and wrote it into the play. And usually it's the dramaturgy that is backing up whatever is written but he took what he researched and wrote it into the play.

Cocks: Parts of Andy Stanesic's monologue as the President Masaryk were direct quotes from Masaryk and his talks he would have with Karel, so parts of the lines were actually quotes from history.

Colonnade: Had either of you ever been abroad before?

Higgs: Costa Rica, right after high school.

Cocks: Nope!

Colonnade: Was it daunting performing for a foreign audience? Were they very perceptive?



Photo courtesy of Paul Acetturra
The cast of *The Vision of Capek* embraces after a show at the birthplace of Karel Capek.

Higgs: I think the first time we performed, we knew it was a big deal because it was in the Capek museum where he was born. It was daunting to know that we were around his work, but it was also daunting to speak Czech during the show because they knew the story better than we did. It was their story to tell.

Cocks: I was scared, but it was a good kind of scared because I think I was one of the only people who knew that it was where he was born. I was like, 'I'm playing this well-known writer in a country that I've never been to before in the room where he was born and this is the first time I'm doing it for an audience,' so that freaked me out, but in a good way.

Colonnade: What was your favorite city/venue to perform in?

Higgs: It was a tie between the home and the villa, I think. The hospitality in the country was amazing.

Before the show at the villa they made us homemade lemonade and apple strudel and after the show they made us hot dogs, fresh bread and iced tea.

Cocks: The villa, even though each place was amazing.

Colonnade: How did it feel bringing the show back home? Was it a different vibe?

Cocks: It was interesting because we were so used to performing it abroad and it hadn't been long after we had just gotten back to the US when we were performing it. There was a big contrast as far as the different venues.

Higgs: We had never performed in a theatre. We had been on an outdoor stage and when we came back we actually had to do the lights and make sure people could see us.

Colonnade: What was your favorite part or most memorable part of your

experience abroad?

Cocks: I think it was the people that we went with, because we went to all these amazing places and there were so many bonding experiences and so many chances to get to know these people on such a deep level. That really stuck out to me.

Higgs: I think my favorite part of the trip was the night tour we took of this cathedral the last night we were there. This lady and her four best friends were there and they talked and sang to us in the pitch black dark and then they said "now we're going to give you a piece of our heart." They led us to the top of the cathedral and we could see all of Prague. We probably spent a good hour and 15 minutes up there just talking and laughing and taking pictures. That was my favorite because none of us expected it to happen.



Photo courtesy of Harlee Pope
Conner Cocks (left) played the title role of Karel Capek and Mary Helen Higgs (right) played roles and served as the show's stage manager.

Art-to-Art Talks

with Mary Kate Conner



Mary Kate Conner/ Staff Photographer
Will Anderson (left) and Allison Esposito (right) serve as the respective President and Vice President of the Armed Farces.

If you ever pass a passion for improv by Blackbird Coffee on a Thursday night and you listen very closely, you might just hear echoes of laughter erupting from within the little coffee shop. The Armed Farces improv troupe and their faithful audience crowd the basement every week for a night of comedy and good coffee.

The group's fearless leaders, seniors Will Anderson and Allison Esposito, share

improv in high school, where he met former Farces president Will Morris. Morris encouraged Anderson to pursue improv at GC, and the two practiced together, both in and out of the troupe. Morris graduated last spring, passing leadership over to Anderson and Esposito. As well-versed in improv as they are, their first show leading the Farces was not without butterflies. "I think there was a little bit of nervousness at first, like that first show," said Anderson, "but really once we started getting into it, we knew the group was going to mesh well together."

The current group includes several seasoned members as well as fresh faces who will make appearances throughout the coming semester.

The troupe has grown recently, both within their ranks as well as in their audience. Both Anderson and Esposito believe that is due, in part, to the venue itself. "This is where a lot of mainstream improv performs, in little coffee shops," Anderson said. "It makes it feel more intimate."

Esposito agreed that improv is really about including the audience. "If we put it on a stage, there's like the fourth-wall aspect," said Esposito, "but down here, we tear apart the fourth wall, we break it down with sledge hammers. The audience is a part of everything." Down in the basement, their meager "stage" consists of a small, foot-high platform and one stool, surrounded by their packed audience.

As seniors, both Farces are taking some time to reflect on golden moments in their years as improvisers. For Anderson, it was competing in the second round of finals in a regional improv tournament against some of the biggest names in the improv community. "That was a big deal for us, especially in our second year of doing [the tournament]," said Anderson. "It felt pretty special to have that experience with everyone."

For Esposito, it was an unmatched feeling of hitting just the right note in a show. "When you're on stage, and you make that joke, there's a split second when everyone gets it, and then thirty seconds of

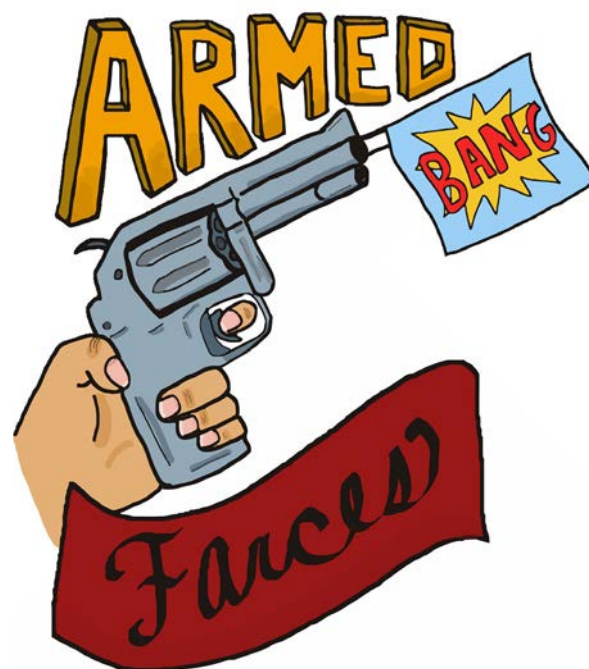
everyone on stage and in the audience just laughing. Everyone's on the same page," said Esposito. "And you just get to live in that sanctuary for, like, twenty seconds. It's the most addicting feeling."

That elated feeling of a just-right joke unites improvisers and audience members, but not just for its humor. "It's something everyone can relate to in a certain sense," said Anderson, "because you can look on stage and think, 'I've been in that situation' or 'I know a person who is like that,' that's what makes those moments funny."

Esposito added that good improv hits that

note because it is honest and relatable. "Improv isn't just about going on stage and being funny. It's about being honest, so honest situations become comical," said Esposito. "[Improv] is reminding you that you're human, we're human, so let's laugh about it for an hour."

The Armed Farces perform every Thursday night in the basement of Blackbird at 7:30 and 9 p.m. Anderson and Esposito added that there will be surprise guests throughout the year, and also request that audience members "tip ya baristas and pick up ya trash!"



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Palette zingers

Bizarre foods of downtown Milledgeville

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When a resident of Milledgeville thinks about bizarre foods, he or she most likely does not think about heading to Blackbird Coffee or Gringos to try something out of the ordinary. However, there are places downtown that have a few strange things to offer.

The first stop for potentially palette-zinging food was Gringos. There is an item on the menu, the Southern Gentleman, that contains fried chicken, collard greens, pimento cheese and barbeque sauce. The ingredients do not sound very odd, but the fact that they are all combined and put inside a flour tortilla is what makes this menu item bizarre.

“The collard greens are one of the most popular things at Aubri



Emily Hinely/ Staff photographer
“The Southern Gentleman” Taco
at Gringos

Lane’s, so that’s what we use in the Southern Gentleman,” said Ellen McCuiston, an employee at Gringos.

The second stop was Kuroshima, a Japanese restaurant, home of the the nigiri roll. Nigiri is a type of sushi, consisting of a small ball of sticky rice with a piece of raw fish or other seafood on top.

“A lot of people order [the eel]. It’s sweet and I love it.

Eel is really tender and easy



Emily Hinely/Staff photographer
Octopus nigiri from Kuroshima

to eat,” said Jennie Yin, a waitress at Kuroshima.

The next stop was Metropolis, a Greek restaurant downtown. Out of all the traditional Greek menu items, however, the Dolmades stuck out. Dolmades are grape leaves stuffed with rice and seasonings and is served with tzatziki sauce.

“[Dolmades] is the most unique thing on the menu. You definitely can’t find it anywhere else

in Milledgeville,” said Carly Cox, a waitress at Metropolis.

The Dolmades are small, finger food-sized bites.

They are available in an appetizer portion or as



Emily Hinely/ Staff Photographer
Dolmades are a unique dish at Metropolis Cafe.

an entrée portion. Who knew grape leaves were just as good as the grapes themselves?

The final stop was Blackbird Coffee. There is a new drink on the menu called the Wasabi Mocha, a traditional mocha (coffee, cocoa and milk) with wasabi powder sprinkled in it. That’s right, the same wasabi that only brave souls touch at sushi restaurants. Zeke Parrish, a barista at Blackbird, does not consider himself a wasabi person, but he still likes it.

Stop by all of these places for an adventure for your taste buds. None of the items are over \$5, so you can step out of your comfort zone (whether you like the foods or not) without breaking the bank.

CAB Events Fall 2016

SEPTEMBER

13. CAB to Go to Braves Game

16. Finding Dory/Finding Nemo
7pm - Magnolia

20. Carlos Andres Gomez
Award Winning Poet

OCTOBER

5. & 6. Battle of the Bands Audition
5-7pm

19. Matt Beilis
Pop, singer-songwriter

21. CAB to Go SixFlags Frightfest
Award Winning Poet

29. Suicide Squad & Hocus Pocus
Blockbusters on front campus



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